



# The Guardian

VOLUME 38, Issue 8 August 2007

## SPOG and Seattle Firefighters Local 27 Announce Joint Endorsements



SPOG President Rich O'Neill meets with City Council candidate Tom Rasmussen (Incumbent)



SPOG President Rich O'Neill meets with City Council Candidate Tim Burgess.

The Seattle Police Officers’ Guild and Seattle Firefighters Local 27 announced their joint endorsement of Tim Burgess, challenger (Pos. 7), and the joint endorsement of Tom Rasmussen, Incumbent (Pos. 5) for the Seattle City Council. This joint endorsement by the Seattle Firefighters Union Local 27 and the Seattle Police Officers’ Guild signals an increase in their political involvement in Seattle.

Seattle City Council Candidate Tim Burgess was energized by the joint endorsement. “Having the joint endorsement of the Seattle Firefighters and Police Officers is a stamp of approval from the men and women who actually provide the essential services of police and fire protection that we rely on. I look forward to working with the Firefighters and Police Officers on public safety matters when I am elected to the City Council.”

SPOG agrees with Tim that “to keep Seattle a great city, we must invest in public safety.” “This is a critical time for the City of Seattle in the area of Public Safety,” said Rich O’Neill, “We need leaders

on the city council who understand the issues, and we are pleased to unite with our brothers and sisters in the firefighter’s union and endorse a true public safety candidate, Tim Burgess.”

“Seattle Police Officers support Tom Rasmussen because he values Public Safety and supports the Police Officers who provide it,” said Rich O’Neill. “I am excited to have received the endorsement of the Seattle Firefighters and Police Officers” said Councilman Tom Rasmussen, “I am also pleased to see the firefighters and police officers working so closely together. They are powerful advocates for public safety matters in Seattle, their efforts will make Seattle a better place to live and work.”

Seattle Police Officers and Firefighters have always served the public whenever needed, and they are extending that service to the political arena where they will be strong advocates for public safety candidates and issues. Together they are strengthening their political efforts to protect the citizens of Seattle and ensure that Seattle’s First Responders get what they need to keep Seattle safe.

### Officer Joselito Barber Gone But Not Forgotten



EOW: 8-13-06  
Rest in Peace

### IN THIS ISSUE...

- 5** The Good Old 1970 Plymouth Satellite
- 6** Rome Is Burning
- 7** Outrageous Conduct

**You'll Also Find:**

|                           |   |                                 |    |
|---------------------------|---|---------------------------------|----|
| President's Message.....  | 2 | History Corner.....             | 7  |
| It's Your Health.....     | 3 | Dan Satterberg Endorsement..... | 9  |
| Chaplains Corner.....     | 4 | Retired News.....               | 10 |
| Officer of the Month..... | 4 | Editors Notes.....              | 12 |



### The Guardian

SEATTLE POLICE OFFICERS' GUILD  
2949 Fourth Avenue South  
Seattle, WA 98134

Change Service Requested

Nonprofit Organization  
US POSTAGE  
PAID  
Seattle, WA  
Permit No. 130



NCPSO/CWA, AFL-CIO  
Local #7877

# The Guardian

**Official publication of the  
Seattle Police Officers' Guild**  
2949 4th Avenue S.  
Seattle, Washington 98134  
Phone (206) 767-1150  
E-mail: mail@SeattlePoliceGuild.org

**GUILD OFFICERS**

*President*  
Rich O'Neill, Operations

*Vice President*  
Roger Dixon, North Precinct

*Secretary/Treasurer*  
Tom Umporowicz, South Precinct

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

*Sergeant-at-Arms*  
John Abraham, Traffic

*Position 1*  
Anthony Baily, Southwest Precinct

*Position 2*  
Tom McLaughlin, West Precinct

*Position 3*  
Ron Smith, Pawn Shop Squad

*Position 4*  
Johnny Stevens, West Precinct

*Position 5*  
Mike Severance, North Precinct

*Position 6*  
Randy Robinson, Traffic

*Position 7*  
Ben Hughey, South Precinct

*Position 8*  
Ty Elster, North Precinct

*Position 9*  
Deb Nicholson, Employment Services

*Position 10*  
Jim Brakebill, Traffic

**GUARDIAN STAFF**

*Editor*  
Ron Smith, Pawn Shop Squad

*Editorial Board*  
Randy Robinson, Traffic  
Deb Nicholson, Employment Services  
Jim Brakebill, Traffic

*Advertising Manager*  
Elizabeth Loy

*Layout and Design Artist*  
Sarah Scott

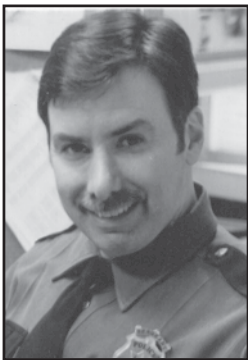
*Editors Emeritus*  
Dick Rovig  
Gordon Barnett  
Don MacMillan  
Joy Mundy

The opinions expressed in *The Guardian* do not necessarily reflect those of the Seattle Police Department.  
Responsibility for signed articles remains solely with the author.  
*The Guardian* is the only official publication published monthly by and for the Seattle Police Officers' Guild.

**NON-GUILD MEMBER SUBSCRIPTIONS:**  
Call (206) 767-1150 for information

# President's Message

By Sergeant Rich O'Neill, SPOG President



Oftentimes in the “crazy hazy, lazy days of summer” we focus on vacations, barbecues, parades, or the sounds of the Hydroplanes and Blue Angels. I want to focus this month on a very real and disturbing trend that is happening out on the streets. It is unfortunately happening in all the precincts. This disturbing trend is an increase in assaults on police officers and even more of an increase in credible threats against officers. Many of those making the threats are hard core felons who roam the streets in every precinct. Many of these felons have been trained behind the walls on how to assault an officer. Why our prison system allows these thugs to conduct this prison courtyard training is another subject. Why these thugs are walking our streets in the first place is also a story for another day. The bottom line is that your job is dangerous and it is getting more dangerous. So that you don't think I'm exaggerating any of this, here is a synopsis from July of what officers are facing on the streets of Seattle:

\*A 31 year-old Bloods gang member (assault suspect) threatening to shoot a West Precinct patrol officer in the face in the same manner as that of another gang member who murdered a local police officer. He bragged of his gang membership and being “not afraid of anything.” He had an extensive felony record, including Firearms possession, Threats to Kill, Animal Torture, Assault, and Property Destruction.

\*A 34 year-old male assault suspect spitting into the faces of West Precinct officers, kicking and scratching the officers, and later covering his entire body with his own excrement while challenging officers/jailers to a fight. He had a history of Drug Offenses, Domestic Violence, Assault, Theft, and Forgery.

\* A 28 year-old male located by North Precinct officers immediately after gunshots were heard in a city park, found to have trespassed and destroyed city property, possibly using an un-located firearm. The individual kicked arresting officers in the groin, requiring hospitalization of one officer. He then kicked out the entire back window of a patrol car, when detained within. He has an extensive violent criminal record, including Rape.

\*A 38 year-old man was arrested during a search warrant of a residence in the East Precinct. Besides drugs and cash, officers recovered a loaded Glock handgun, rifle ammunition for an AK-47 and an explosive device with the force of a M1000 firework. The suspect had prior arrests for assault, drugs, and being a felon with a firearm.

\*In the South Precinct, officers responded to a disturbance and when they contacted one of the adult participants he refused to comply with their requests and took a fighting stance. The officers were quickly surrounded by a mob of 10-15 people who surrounded the officers and then attacked them. One of the officers was punched in the face as the mob yelled at the officers. Two suspects were taken into custody when numerous other units arrived.

What is going on here? Didn't Seattle use to be the Most Livable City? Is it possible that the criminals are feeling empowered to challenge officers after the media infatuation with the discipline system? I mean if some consider the allegations of an 8-time felon as credible, why won't they believe me (Joe Thug) when I claim the officer “used unnecessary force and I was merely defending myself.” Even if they don't sustain my allegations, I can sure drag the officers through the mud for a few months. I might even get some elected officials and a couple of social groups to take up my claim. I don't think this is a stretch at all. We are dealing with criminals, folks. We are dealing with individuals who want to continue their criminal trade and don't want the police “messing with them.” The police are bad for their “business.” Many of them have been to prison and if they go back for hurting a cop, they will receive a hero's welcome.

So what do we do as officers? We protect ourselves and each other! We don't “check and advise” on ANY two-officer calls. Let the calls stack up like cord wood! When you are laying in the hospital or worse yet, in the morgue, is it going to matter that you were trying to “help radio out” by clearing some waiting calls from your screen? Secondly, use your head when you know that your squad-mates (all 2 of them) are tied up on calls and you feel the need to “shake” a couple on the corner. When they jump you, it will seem that your back-up is hours, not minutes away. If you are doing that because you are trying to impress your “bean counting supervisor” with a few stats, give him/her a copy of my article. If stats are so important, this city will do what it takes to properly staff this police department. Until that day, nothing comes before your safety! When we hear a fellow officer go on a call, start heading that way. Even “routine calls” can turn ugly. When it does turn ugly, remember your training from Street Skills. We DO NOT have to wait until we are assaulted before we go hands on. If you are receiving those “pre-fight indicators” from the suspect, take action. Remember Sgt. (Big Daddy) Little's lecture on having a “survival mindset” and put an end to the criminal's aggressiveness quickly and decisively. The RCW gives you the authority to use force and says that “the amount of force was reasonable to affect the lawful purpose intended.” The 9<sup>th</sup> Circuit Court ruled in 1992 that ***“requiring officers to find and choose the least intrusive alternative would require them to exercise superhuman judgment...imposing such a requirement would inevitably induce TENTATIVENESS by officers, and thus deter police from protecting the public and themselves.” (Scott v. Henrich)***

So some of you may be thinking, “But wait, what about the OPA complaint?” Way back before OPA, the old-timers had a saying, “It is better to be judged by twelve than carried by six.” That is still true today! Do not get hurt or killed because you are thinking about some bogus OPA complaint. Use the force that you need to use, screen the event with your supervisor, and document your force with a well-written statement. The old-timers also said, “It is all how you write it up.” That is truer today with videos and camera phones on every call. The lawyers and review boards are going to weigh in with their second-guessing regardless of what you do. They make their decisions at a desk after weeks of review. You make your decisions out on the street in an instant. I'm not saying that an officer shouldn't try to use some “verbal judo” but that should not be used at the expense of your safety. Many of these street thugs, who would challenge a uniformed officer, interpret tentativeness as a weakness and will seize the opportunity to hurt you if you give them the chance.

You are not paid to get hurt! Don't let some street thug keep you or your squad mates from going home. Your #1 job is to go home at the end of your shift, even if your stat sheet is lacking. In the 1980's TV Show, Hill Street Blues, Sgt Esterhaus use to close every roll call with the order, “You be careful out there!” That is still true today. (Special thanks to Sgt. Steve Martin for alerting me to this officer-safety issue.)



**Stress Relief for First Responders**

**Massage 911**

**Mark E. Hughes L.M.P.**  
**(206) 324-5433**  
821 E. Thomas St • Seattle  
Lic.# MA00006415

**1/3 OFF 1st Visit • Insurance Accepted**



# It's Your Health

By Officer John Abraham, SPOG Sergeant-At-Arms and SPD Safety Coordinator

A few months ago my wife sent me an email she had received from a woman she used to work with. The woman wanted to warn women friends she knew that the female symptoms of a heart attack are usually quite different from male symptoms. Here is her story:

Women rarely have the same dramatic symptoms that men have when experiencing a heart attack. You know, the sudden stabbing pain in the chest, the cold sweat, grabbing the chest and dropping to the floor like we see in the movies. I had a completely unexpected heart attack at 10:30 PM in the evening with no prior exertion or emotional trauma. I was sitting all snugly and warm on a cold evening with my cat purring in my lap. I was reading an interesting story a friend had sent me, with my feet propped up in my Lazy Boy all warm and cozy. A moment later I felt an awful sensation of indigestion. This was my initial sensation, but the only trouble was that I hadn't taken a bite since 5:00 PM. The next sensation was like a squeezing motion that seemed to be racing up my spine (probably my aorta spasming) gaining speed as they continued to race up under my sternum. This fascinating process continued on into my throat and branched out into both jaws!!! NOW I stopped puzzling; "Dear God!!! I think I'm having a Heart Attack!!!"

Realizing that time was of the essence, I forced myself to get up out of the chair and lowly make my way into the next room, where the phone was located, to call the paramedics. I told the dispatcher "I think I am having a heart

attack". She told me that she was dispatching the paramedics as we spoke. She asked me if the front door was unlocked and if I could get it unlocked for the paramedics? I unlocked the door and the dispatcher told me to lie down on the floor so they could find me immediately. I lost consciousness and don't remember the paramedics coming in. I did briefly awake at the hospital and saw my cardiologist already in his surgical blues and cap. Long story, short they installed two side-by-side stints to hold open my right coronary artery. Why have I written this to all of you? Because, I want all of you to know what I have learned first hand.

### TIPS

1. Be aware that something very different is happening in your body. Remember that the symptoms are not usually men's symptoms, but inexplicable things happening (until my sternum and jaw got into the act I was thinking I had indigestion) it is said that more women then men die from their first (and last) MI because they didn't know they were having one. If anything unpleasant is happening to your body that you have not felt before, it is better to have a false alarm than risk your life guessing what it might be.
2. NOTE: That I said CALL THE PARAMEDICS Ladies!!!! Do not drive yourself or have someone

- drive you to the hospital!!! TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE!!!! Do not call your Doctor, he doesn't know where you live, and if it is night time you will not get him anyway.
3. Don't assume it can't be a heart attack because you are healthy and have a normal cholesterol count. MI's are usually caused by long-term stress and inflammation in the body, which dumps all sorts of deadly hormones into your system to sludge things up in there.
  4. Remember: pain in the jaw can wake you from a sound sleep.

Be careful and be aware. The more we know the better chance we have to survive. Many thanks to my wife for sharing this with me, and many thanks to her friend for passing her story on and for informing all of us, through her story, that a heart attack can manifest itself in many ways. When and if in doubt call 911. Remember, your profession is law enforcement; your job is to go home at the end of your shift.

**SUPPORT THE GUARDIAN!**  
...by using our advertisers!!  
Let them know you heard about them in The Guardian



**"We proudly back and support the men & women of the Seattle Police Department"**



Tina Bueche  
SPD Proprietor & Friend

Fashion for women from local artists and interesting lines from everywhere....

206 First Avenue South  
Seattle (206) 447-7731

Hours: 10-6 M-Th, 10-7 Fri,  
12-6 Sat, 12-4 Sun

**"We Proudly Support the Police and Family"**  
Your Complete Auto Repair and Body Work.  
Best Price, Quality, Integrity, Honesty

Tony Lee, Owner

One Stop  
GREENWOOD  
Auto Repair

30% Discount  
Repair or Body

Tel: (206) 706-2778  
Cell: (206) 713-7322  
Fax: (206) 789-0894  
8208 Greenwood Avenue N.  
Seattle, WA 98103

GREENWOOD  
Auto Body  
and Paint

## Superior Service and Results For All Your Real Estate Needs!

- ✓ Having a **20+ year veteran** of Seattle-area law enforcement as a husband has given me a deep understanding of the **unique real estate needs** and preferences of police officers and their families!
- ✓ As a **dedicated full-time agent** having earned the Certified Residential Specialist (CRS) designation held by only about 4% of agents nationally, I have helped **hundreds of officers** obtain home ownership through excellence in customer service!
- ✓ **Ask me about my special police family programs!**

My **knowledge and experience** can help you if you are buying your first home, second home, last home, or investment property (1031 exchanges)!

**Representing sellers and buyers**, I will treat your transaction like my own personal transaction.

**That's my promise to you!**

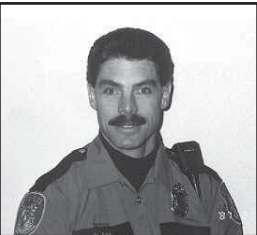
SOLD BY  
Windermere

Sue Hammermaster  
(425)417-5733

Mastering  
**your move**

Windermere  
Windermere Real Estate/Renton, Inc.

[www.suehammermaster.com](http://www.suehammermaster.com) or [sue@suehammermaster.com](mailto:sue@suehammermaster.com)



**Mike Burns**  
S.P.D. Reserve

## The Keystone Program

Direct Line:  
(425) 643-6111

- ◆ CONV, VA, FHA, REFI, 0% DOWN, PURCHASE, HELOC'S, LINES OF CREDIT, CONSTRUCTION, REMODEL
- ◆ Over **150 Lenders** to chose from, Guarantees you the **Best Rate!!**
- ◆ UNLIKE OTHER LENDERS, THE KEYSTONE PROGRAM WILL USE YOUR **OVERTIME, OFF DUTY, COURT AND METRO** TO APPROVE YOUR LOAN!!!
- ◆ Please visit [www.seattlepoliceguild.org](http://www.seattlepoliceguild.org) (at website click on "members") for your **FREE** pre-approval and credit report!!
- ◆ Police, Fire, City, County Employees, and their extended familes save over **\$1,000.00!!!**





# Chaplain’s Corner

By Chaplain John Oas

Greetings...Can you believe how fast this year is going by? It is almost like being on the ‘freeway’! I want to renew my commitment to writing with some thoughts from the Book of Joshua.

In the beginning of chapter one, Moses has died and it is time for Joshua to take the leadership. In a theocracy, the choice is from the Lord. The Lord speaks to Joshua, for he had been the one who was at the ‘right’ hand of Moses. He was the one who did his bidding and was a great help to him. Yet, Joshua was shy. He did not want to ‘barge-in’ and just take over. It was a great solace to him to have the Lord speak to him. We can do a lot when we believe that we are doing the right thing!

The Lord gives him a two-part mandate. First, is to arise, in other words, move from where you are comfortable and begin to do what I have asked. Second, he is to cross over the Jordan River. You see they had been camped on the far side because they did not believe they could take the land that was promised. Sometimes we times live far short of what we should because we do not have confidence in ourselves.

But the Lord reminds them that He has given them this land and all they have to do is take it and possess it. What good things in our lives are dormant because we have taken them, but have never possessed them (or used them, as they should be used)? Just some thoughts from the book of Joshua.

# Officer of the Month

By Officer Chris Hall, West Precinct

The SPOG Officer of the Month for August 2007 is Officer Ben Archer of the East Precinct, as nominated by Sergeant Seth Dietrich for his response to a drive-by shooting resulting in an arrest.

On June 15, 2007 Officer Rich Bell was in the area of 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue and Madison Street when he heard several shots being fired. Officer Bell located a witness who reported that two cars had been flashing gang signs at each other and an occupant of one car had fired into the other car.

Officer Archer was conducting an area check and located the suspect vehicle. He followed the vehicle into the West Precinct where a felony stop was conducted. Four suspects were arrested, a gun was recovered, the witness positively identified the vehicle and the suspects gave statements implicating themselves. An excellent job all around!

There was also one individual who nominated himself. Since we do not allow individuals to self-nominate, we could not name him the Officer of the Month, however, his story may serve as an inspiration to others. Below is the unedited submission of Sergeant Michael Brady of the West Precinct.

*I would like to take this opportunity to nominate myself for Officer of the Month. I believe that the time is right for my contributions to the SPD and to our citizens be recognized.*

*As a youth growing up in Ballard I excelled in academics and athletics. I graduated from Ballard High School with several academic and athletic scholarship offers, Princeton, Harvard, Stanford and UCLA to name just a few.*

*In an effort to do something right for this country I enlisted in the USMC. My time in the USMC was very rewarding and eerily similar to my other endeavors. Recognizing my physical and intellectual superiority the USMC appointed me to instruct classes on ethics and leadership to high ranking-commanders. I also served as a consultant to the Navy Seals in developing a physical fitness and martial arts program. The very program that I assisted them with is still used today! The Navy Seals so very accurately said that Brady is “gentle when stroked, fierce when provoked.”*

*Upon my honorable discharge from the USMC in 1978 I joined the SPD. All of the Chiefs under whom I served encouraged me to seek promotions. I opted to remain an officer where I could make the greatest difference.*

*It was not until 1996 when it became apparent that supervision at the SPD needed a dynamic infusion to save the ship from sinking. I took the sergeants test and of course placed number one on the list. Since being promoted I have authored most of the training materials given to sergeants at the annual recurrent training. Once again Brady saves the day!*

*Recently the KCSO and WSP have offered me higher paying jobs in an effort to salvage their respective agencies. I have considered their offers but then I thought that the SPD has been good to me; why not let it reap the benefit of my talent! God given intelligence and superior genetics have advanced me to the peak of human perfection!*

*Respectfully submitted.*



## 5th ANNUAL "RUN TO THE BEACH" Police Officer - Fire Fighter Memorial Shift Party

Honoring SPD Jackson Lone who lost his life in the line of duty EOW 3-16-2005

# Saturday August 18th, 2007

**At HIGH NOON:** The Seattle/Tacoma Blue Line chapter of the RPMC will 'Run To The Beach' as they remember SPD Officer Jackson Lone.

The ride will depart Harry Truman High School (31455 28th Ave S. Federal Way WA 98003) and travel directly to the Shilo Inn. Follow at your own risk and by your choice of vehicle.

**At 3:30 PM:** The RPMC/STBL will host a party at the Shilo Inn Ocean Shores (707 Ocean Shores Blvd, Ocean Shores, WA) for anyone donating \$20.00 or more.

A Shilo Inn room can be reserved by calling (360) 289-0783 and ask for the S.T.B.L. 'Run To The Beach' discount.

The proceeds of this memorial will be donated to the 'RUN TO THE BEACH' MEMORIAL FUND, The Washington State Law Enforcement Memorial Foundation, and The Washington State Council of Fire Fighters

## "Because we never forget!"



FOR INFO CALL GEORGE GREEN AT (253) 261-6548



# The Good Old 1970 Plymouth Satellite

By Howard Monta, SPD Retired

Pictures by Officer Jonathan Young, Traffic



Sergeant Ty Elster and Officer Jim Ritter pose with the 1970 Plymouth Satellite.



I could not resist responding to the front-page article in the June Guardian by Jim Ritter. Jim is most deserving of our gratitude and acclamation for his work in establishing and maintaining the Seattle Metropolitan Police Museum. Retrieving The Guardian from my mailbox and observing the photo of the 1970 Plymouth Satellite took me back many years. In the early 70s, I experienced the thrill of working in one of those babies for a couple of years. I was working in the Traffic Enforcement Section while waiting for my turn on the Harley Davidson motorcycles. That Satellite with the 440 engine and 4-barrel carburetor almost caused me to forget about the Harleys. My personal vehicle was a 4-speed 1968 Chevrolet Camaro Super Sport with a 396 engine, so I was the right person for the job – a hotrod at heart. Since that experience, I have always said that the 70 Satellite was the most well engineered automobile ever produced. Not only was there more than enough power, but also that beauty could out maneuver any other vehicle on the road. I was shocked and disappointed when the

department bought the more modern looking 1971 Satellites the next year. They were gutless, and handled terribly.

The following two paragraphs are excerpts from Chapter 5 of the book Liz (my wife) and I had published in 2000, “Like a Cat With Nine Lives”, which describes my crazy life:

“CHAPTER 5 BACK TO TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT Just before academy graduation in late 1969, the recruits were asked to declare their preferred assignment. There were openings in the Traffic Section, and that was Howard’s first choice. After experiencing the freedom to chase crooks that the traffic assignment had afforded him, he couldn’t resist going back. What thrilled him even more was that the Traffic Section was one of the few units in the SPD that was scheduled to be equipped with the boxy looking 1970 Plymouth Satellite. That car sported a 440-cubic-inch engine, and it handled better at high speed than any car Howard would drive in his lifetime. He always

wondered why Plymouth changed the design of a car that performed like the 70 Satellite after only one year. Howard made the most of the two years that he was privileged to race around in such a magnificent hotrod. Not one high-speed chase was lost in Seattle when the Satellite was involved.

He first realized the Satellite’s capability one evening during a traffic stop on Rainier Avenue South near South Henderson Street. Howard was at the driver’s door of a speeder when a carload of kids threw a beer bottle at him. Luckily, the bottle shattered at his feet. The speeder was told to get on his way, and Howard ran for his car. He could hear the engine rev up on the car occupied by the kids, and he knew that the chase was on. They had at least a three-block head start. They turned right, traveling eastbound on Henderson Street. The Satellite leaped from the curb, and accelerated like a bullet to close the gap to less than a block as

they approached a “T” intersection with a stop sign. (Seward Park Avenue South) The kids ran the stop sign and nearly skidded out of control making a right turn. Howard realized he was approaching the intersection far too rapidly to negotiate the hard right turn. He was convinced his reckless abandon would cost him this time, and that he would certainly lose control, and crash. The car literally amazed Howard as it completed the sharp right turn without breaking traction, and accelerated out of the turn nearly on the bumper of the fleeing car. After evaluating the competition, the renegade driver quickly gave up the chase. He was subjected to a boring lecture, and two minor tickets for “Throwing Debris From a Vehicle” and a “Stop Sign” violation. Howard was so surprised and delighted with the Satellite’s performance, he couldn’t get mad at the kids.”

I am sure there are many more Plymouth Satellite stories to tell. I have a few more myself.

## SUPPORT THE GUARDIAN!

...by using our advertisers! Let them know you heard about them in The Guardian



Northwest Realty Associates, LLC

900 SW 16th St., Ste.300  
Renton, WA 98055

Specializing in Residential Real Estate Sale in South and East King County.

Multiple Discounts If You Are Buying and Selling.

If you are looking for a Realtor that will represent your best interest, Call me for a consultation.

E-Mail [JoyceCambronero@pnwrealty.com](mailto:JoyceCambronero@pnwrealty.com)

Discounted Commissions For Law Enforcement.

Joyce Cambronero  
206-271-7591



Wife Of Officer  
JoJo Cambronero, So. Precinct

Morris K. Fortmann, Jr.

Attorney at Law

PERSONAL SERVICE & PROFESSIONAL RESULTS



More Than 18 Years Experience

|                          |                       |                   |
|--------------------------|-----------------------|-------------------|
| Divorce                  | Parenting Plans       | Child Support     |
| Child Relocation Act     | Child Custody         | Property Division |
| Modifications            | Paternity             | Wills             |
| Pension Division (Leoff) | Maintenance (Alimony) | Probate           |

206-622-5191



# Rome Is Burning

## By Officer Mike Severance, SPOG Board Position 5

It has been over a month since the chaos started. The local media has zeroed in on OPA as if the survival of the world hinged on it. Nothing else is as newsworthy. Aren't there other things on which the media could report? They are aware of the staffing issues at SPD. But just like our City Council, they ignore it. Have you ever thought about all the zoning changes in this city and all the builders and property owners, particularly downtown property owners, who are getting very rich because of those zoning changes? Are they contributing to any City Council political coffers? The media gave a lot of time to "Strippergate", and that only involved a parking lot at one strip club. And there are our multi-million dollar portapotties? That issue is still around with taxpayer dollars still going down the toilet. There are many more important things going on in Seattle than OPA.

It's been more than a month since this chaos started. Nick Licata, Peter Holmes, and Sam Pailca still do not run the police department. Sam tried to run it when she was here, but thankfully she is gone...or is she? It has been more than a month since the chaos started, and the Chief of Police still runs the police department and is still the final decision maker in disciplinary matters. Nick Licata continues to try to steal more and more powers which the City Charter delegates to the Mayor and the Police Chief. What is Licata's agenda? Is he running for Czar of Seattle? Does he think Seattle is a giant commune? Whatever his agenda is, you can bet it has nothing to do with the interests of the people of Seattle. It has everything to do with the interests of Nick Licata.

Peter Holmes has a personal political agenda, which has nothing to do with his codified duties on the OPARB. It's called a review board because it was formed to review, not investigate. He's proven himself to be a lousy investigator anyway. He has been using his position on the OPARB to push his personal agenda. Peter Holmes has not done his job for several years. Yet the taxpayers continue to pay him for not doing his job. In a memo to Nick Licata, he had the audacity to ask for a raise. He should resign his position along with Ms. Secrest. When the new OPA Director issued her report exonerating the Chief of any wrongdoing, Ms. Secrest implied that the OPA Director was not impartial. Ms. Secrest certainly knows all about being impartial.

While neither Licata nor Holmes has been doing their job very well, I'm wondering why neither of them has yet to demand an investigation into determining what low life leaked a confidential attorney/client document to the news media. Their silence on this matter raises a host of new questions. There is at least one low life, but possibly two. Besides leaking the OPARB report, someone has leaked very personal and detailed information from IIS files to the news media, guiding

them in the Public Records Requests they send to SPD. Who could that be? Whoever the low lives are, they are living proof that some parents do not instill integrity or honor in their children. If they are people who have signed a confidentiality agreement, then the words to describe him/her/them cannot be printed in this publication.

Because of the chaos, the Seattle way has kicked in once again. The Mayor has appointed a blue ribbon panel of 11 prominent people. I am disappointed that none of them has any, let alone extensive, law enforcement street experience. If they are going to study how our conduct is investigated, it would seem helpful to have first hand knowledge of what we do on their behalf. Adding comedy to the mix is Nick Licata. Acting like the little kid who always gets picked last for a team, he's not going to play the game unless he can make the rules and use his own ball. He's going to appoint his own blue ribbon panel and show those bullies that he can't be pushed around, and nobody is going to steal his thunder...Seattle City Council politics at its finest.

If anyone expects perfection from Seattle's police officers, they are in for disappointment. Seattle cops are, and always will be, ordinary people who have chosen to try to do an extraordinary job. But we are still human, and we will make mistakes just as all ordinary people do...perhaps with the exception of Nick Licata, Peter Holmes, and Sam Palica. Since 1978 I have been waiting for an accountability system to re-appear that could routinely recognize the difference between honest human mistakes and deliberate misconduct. There is a huge difference between the two. Sam Palica never recognized the difference, and Nick Licata and Peter Holmes have given no indications that they know the difference either. For them and all the people chasing their tails who think that SPD policy is written in stone, here is the definition of "Policy". **"Policy: Is not a statement of what must be done in a particular situation, rather it is a statement of guiding principles which should be followed in activities which are directed toward the attainment of department objectives."** Nobody is smart enough to write any policy that could possibly cover all the sets of circumstances, which a Seattle police officer might encounter in the performance of their duties. That's why it is not written in stone.

You might get a kick out of some language taken from the OPARB web site. Part of the OPARB Code of Ethics states, "Avoid real or perceived conflicts of interest. Do not participate in decisions or investigation where it is likely you will be perceived as having a conflict of interest". Investigation is not one of their duties, and at least two members have obviously never read this part of their Code of Ethics. Some of their listed roles and responsibilities

seem to have appeared out of nowhere because I can't find them in the ordinance that established the board. One listed is "Provide input and support to City leaders during police labor negotiations." What? And last but not least, one of the ways the board will accomplish its goals is to take the pulse of the stakeholders. We police officers are stakeholders. Any of you had your pulse taken lately by the OPARB? I thought one of the reasons for the OPA Survey was to take our pulse, but the politicians didn't like the answers they got from the survey so they round filed it...so much for what we stakeholders think. But they should keep in mind that we are public servants, not public slaves. If we are treated as slaves, this city will have an even harder time attracting qualified police recruits and keeping the younger officers it already has. Slaves cannot be public servants.

Norm Stamper has contributed his two cents worth to the news media regarding this issue as if he was an authority on police accountability. Norm, you need to look at your old appointment books from when you were playing Chief of Police. In particular, look at your appointments for February 16, 1995, the day you were informed, in your office, of a case of serious misconduct. Did you order even a preliminary investigation? No. You did nothing. Current and past members of the City Council were informed of the same thing by the Citizen Review Panel, which was appointed on May 7, 1999. Those elected officials also did nothing. Norm, I suggest you go back to your island, campaign for the legalization of all the illegal drugs in the world, and write another piece of fiction on something about which you know nothing...being a cop or an effective police manager.

As the figures below will show, SPD staffing has gone far beyond the crisis

stage, but it's not important to the City Council or the local media. The 135 new officers approved by the City Council are one baby step forward, but they do not amount to a Band-Aid to cover a sore that has been festering for almost three decades. Council members beat their chests and tell the people what a great thing they have done to make Seattle safer. They are living in Fantasyland. I liken our City Council to Nero playing his harp while Rome burned. And the City is throwing more wood on the fire. They are so desperate to push police recruits into the pipeline that they recently changed the rules. They no longer require an applicant to pass the oral board. Lowering our hiring standards, and taking people no other agency will take, is not a solution to our staffing shortage. It is the creation of bigger problems, which will haunt us for years and years. Is this the type of thing CALEA would condone? What's next? Will they not require passing the psychological testing, the polygraph, the physical fitness test, or maybe the written exam?

And speaking of staffing, here are the latest figures which should warm your hearts. Staffing for 2007 is at a **negative 6**. Staffing since January 2005 stands at +13. That amounts to an increase of 0.42 officers per month over the last 31 months. At that rate, the 141 officers (135 plus the negative 6) will be on board in a little less than 30 years. Let's see, that would be the early part of 2037. The current population of Seattle is 586,200, and the Mayor wants an additional 350,000 residents by 2040. Builders and property owners are getting rich, but where are the cops to protect the people?

Be safe out there. If our City Council, the highest paid in the nation or close to it, doesn't give a hoot about the safety of our citizens, how much do you think they care about us or our safety?

All *Guardian* submissions are due  
by August 15, 2007  
to [spogguardian@yahoo.com](mailto:spogguardian@yahoo.com)



**MELISSA SEVERANCE**  
Mortgage Specialist

( 2 0 6 ) 6 6 0 - 0 8 4 2  
[melissas@mbahomeloans.com](mailto:melissas@mbahomeloans.com)

- ✓ Special loan programs for law enforcement
- ✓ Off-duty income accepted
- ✓ Low rates & closing costs
- ✓ 100% financing
- ✓ First-time homebuyers ok
- ✓ 2nd homes & investments
- ✓ Construction & remodel loans
- ✓ Cash-out & debt consolidation

Mention this ad to receive  
**\$400 off your closing costs**

*"The Choice for Options, Integrity, Results!"*

# History Corner

By The Guardian Staff

This is a reprint from the June 1979 *Guardian* President's Message by then President Mike Patrick.

## Inside Straight

It has become increasingly apparent over the last couple of years that the Seattle Police Department is dangerously lacking in sufficient manpower to do a proper job for the citizens of the city of Seattle.

Your elected guild officers have notified the Mayor of the city of Seattle, Chief Patrick Fitzsimmons, city councilman, and some of the news media that the lack of manpower in the Seattle Police department will be an issue in the near future. The issue of manpower is not a simplistic issue for if it were we would be able to solve the problem in a short period of time.

At the present time we are losing six men per month due to retirement, disability and the men and women of this police department will become disillusioned with the job and leave for greener pastures. Of the six men a month that are lost we are gaining back three through the recruitment process. Recruiters are having a difficult time finding persons interesting in becoming Seattle police officers for a variety of reasons including affirmative action policies,

the nature of the job itself, LEOFF II pension system or non pension system, and the fact that our officers are not actively recruiting to the best of their ability. It is imperative that those of us concerned about the lack of manpower in the Seattle Police Department actively recruit good, qualified candidates for police officer positions.

We have contacted individuals and groups outside the Seattle Police Department who are as concerned as we are about the manpower issue. We find that since 1970 when we had a sworn manpower level of 1211 officers that we have now dropped to the low 900's. In 1970 there were 220,000 dispatched calls for service, 99 assaults against police officers, 62 officers injured and a minimal amount of I.I.S complaints. In 1978 there were 226,136 dispatched calls for service, 1028 assaults against police officers, 207 officers injured and an average of 10 days per man average sick time as compared with 7 days per man average sick time in 1974.

Based on communication decision figures (1978) we find that since 1970 average calls for service per day have increased 53.30% and that average dispatched per day have increased 20.35% yet during the same 8 year period sworn manpower is down approximately 25%. What this means to us that substantially

fewer officers are handling a substantially greater amount of calls per day.

The cities answer to this problem is the utilization of substantially fewer detectives to handle a much greater workload leaving the detectives with little time to investigate crime and requiring most of their time to shuffling paper. It seems to me that we are wasting a lot of talent in the detective division by not having the manpower available to do a good job of investigating crime. As it stands now many of our detectives are nothing more than glorified clerical workers solely because of the sheer numbers in cases that are assigned to them on a daily basis. As of this righting there is not one unity within the Seattle Police department that is not suffering because of the shortage of manpower. Our citizens have been led to believe that we have enough manpower and that the one man patrol car is the answer to all problems. It is true that there are some areas that can be serviced by a one man patrol vehicle but I believe those areas to be in the minority. Most experienced police officers realize that a one-man vehicle is really nothing more than a report vehicle (although there are some officers who work well by themselves) and that the present system of 80% one-man car and 20%

two-mans is an utter failure. Those officers working one-man patrol vehicles who are dispatched to potentially dangerous calls normally will wait for backup to arrive prior to going in on a call. Those officers working one-man patrol vehicles usually are prudently less aggressive and not apt to be as inquisitive as a two-man unit. In my experience I observed that officers working two-man tend to be less bored, more active and more productive on a daily basis.

Some of our best officers are leaving this department because of a variety of factors but I am sure that the lack of manpower usually fits into the picture somewhere. Officers are suffering stress because of the workload that has been forced on them, because of the inability to have flexible vacation, delayed furlough and holiday because of special events such as Fat Tuesday, Seafair, V.I.P. visits and many others. In addition I feel that our city is being raped during these special events because available man power is being pulled from routine district patrol in order to service these special events. In some cases Sectors are down to 50% or less of normal manpower during these periods. Because of the stress factors, we are seeing increased sick time, more I.I.S. complaints and a general reluctance to generate on view incidents.

# athenian inn

**Overlooking  
Seattle's Waterfront  
in the Heart  
of the  
Pike Place Market**



**Good Food & Beverages**  
"Old Fashion Ice Cream Soda Fountain"  
*Exciting selection of Foreign & Domestic Beer !*

**Breakfast, Lunch and early Dinners**  
Open Monday-Saturday 6:30am-6:30pm

**\*\*\*Bacon Bowl President\*\*\***  
Office:.....206-935-7700  
Res:.....206-937-8873  
FAX:.....206-935-7000  
Pager:.....206-997-4200  
E-mail.....harrietb@johnlscott.com  
5242 California Avenue S.W.  
Seattle, WA 98136

THIS OFFICE INDEPENDENTLY OWNED AND OPERATED

**John L. Scott**  
**REAL ESTATE**



**Harriet Benjamin**  
Sales Associate

Member of the Police Family since 1939



**CROSSWATER**

Lake Stevens School District

Priced from the low \$300s

- Three and four bedroom
- Two car garages
- 1,690 - 2,800 approx. sq. ft.
- Neighborhood parks
- Basketball court
- Soccer meadow and play field
- Beautifully landscaped boulevards

Sales center hours:  
Mon 2 to 6, Daily 10 to 6  
2706 86th Dr NE Everett 98205  
425.377.1342  
polygonhomes.com

**POLYGON NORTHWEST**  
*A better home is just the beginning.*



**Your Ad Belongs Here!**

**Call Elizabeth at  
(206) 767-1150**



# Outrageous Conduct

By Sergeant Roger Dixon, SPOG Vice President

“A small but vocal coalition of “civic and city leaders” operates with dubious conduct and a flair for disregarding facts.”

Recent events attributed to SPD have been lead stories throughout regional media outlets. Basis for the stories have been couched in Chief Kerlikowske’s “questionable” discipline decisions directly related to SPOG members. The fact that the Chief has the legal authority to make these decisions is at the heart of the matter.

Having mentioned the heart of the matter is the interesting part of this recent splash of coverage. It’s no secret that a small but vocal special interest coalition thirsts for power in their desire to control Seattle Police officers. What better way than to be in the position to manage and direct the discipline of cops? Some would say they are all but rabid in their efforts to seize control, regardless of who stands in their way, or whom they destroy or marginalize. The individuals comprising what I refer to the coalition consider themselves “civic and city leaders”, similar to self-anointed royalty.

It is also no secret their power grab scheme has been in place for several years. Demands at the collective bargaining table have rolled out incrementally during past negotiations, a slice here and a piece there, it all sounds so reasonable. But reason is not a consideration. Raw, unadulterated power and control is the goal, nothing more, and certainly nothing less, will satisfy them.

Are we hearing from the “real” citizens of Seattle throughout this circus performance? To the contrary, since the “breaking” part of this recent storm started I have had many individuals I consider the real citizens approach and express their appreciation for our work and efforts. These are people who want and need their police officers, people who a

genuinely glad to see a cop. They feel confident in the performance and high standards of the men and women of the police department.

Why hasn’t the coalition been able to satisfy the goal? A major hurdle has been the Seattle Police Officers’ Guild. What they want must be bargained with the union. I don’t know about you, but I am not feeling particularly gracious or understanding right now. The thought of trusting the small but vocals with our careers and families future doesn’t make for a warm thought.

I can’t begin to thank those officers from decades ago who built safeguards that ensured police officers would be treated fairly, equitably, and not based on the political whim of the day. Their collective wisdom was prophetic.

Where do we go from here? Past Guardian articles have detailed legal efforts to keep our internal investigative and disciplinary system intact. These are important and necessary mandates. We have met with city leadership on the matter, as well as community groups, explaining our views and concerns. I would like to believe the silent majority will speak on the matter. We shall see.

But what can you do? Sitting on the sidelines is not an option. If there was ever a time to rally for fellow officers it is now. Politics is the small and vocal coalition’s weapon. Direct, political action must be part of ours, too. Our influence must be felt throughout city government, if for no other reason but to ensure fair and reasoned treatment. Get involved; sign your name on the line for the SPOG PAC. Don’t expect that someone else will take care of it for you. This political tool is a means we can use to go on the offensive, to check on the ignorant and outrageous behavior of the small and vocal coalition.

# Reminder for Twenty-Five Year Members of SPAA

By Sergeant Paul Kloss, SPAA Director

The Seattle Police Athletic Association’s (SPAA) Board of Directors would like to remind all SPAA members who have paid dues for twenty-five years or more; that you are eligible for a Lifetime membership. As a lifetime member you will no longer need to pay dues for your membership and you will receive a lifetime membership identification card.

To stop paying your SPAA dues, you must contact payroll and complete paperwork to stop the 810 deduction from your payroll check. This can only be done by you. Of course you may

elect to continue paying your dues, in which case SPAA will gladly accept your money.

To receive your Lifetime membership ID card you may attend this year’s Retired Officer’s Banquet on Wednesday, 12 Sept 2007. SPAA Secretary Steve Heard (SPD Retired) will be there for the specific purpose of issuing Lifetime membership ID cards to any and all members that are eligible. If you are unable to attend the Banquet, you may contact Steve at the SPAA Office (direct line 206-762-7468) to make other arrangements to get your card.

# SPD Officers Raising Funds for 911 Families

By *Guardian Staff*

On September 11, 2007 three officers of the Seattle Police Department will take part in a four-day bicycle ride from New York City to Boston, MA. The Tour de Force is an annual event started after the horrific events of September 11, 2001. Approximately 100 law enforcement officers from around the country will depart on bicycles from Yankee Stadium, New York and embark on a four day, 240 mile trek up the East Coast. The ride will end in the late afternoon of September 14<sup>th</sup>, 2007, at Fenway Park, Boston, MA. Each participating officer is required to raise \$1000.00 in donations to participate in the ride. All donations raised go directly to the support of the surviving families of officers killed in the line of duty. The donations also assist the families of those officers that are still fighting for their lives or have died as a result of the exposure to the events of 9/11.

Team SPD will join in the efforts to support and raise funds by participating in this worthwhile benefit ride. Possibly one of our greatest duties in law enforcement is to take care of an officer’s family when they can no longer do so. The team will be comprised of Detective Ron Sanders (TCIS), Detective Steve Kilburg (Homicide), and Detective Tim Wear (TCIS). We will ride side by side with police officers from around the country in an effort to honor and respect those that lost their lives in the horrific events of 9/11.

Team SPD needs your support in the form of monetary donations! Please make checks payable to: Tour de Force...and then list the rider you are supporting. They also accept cash and credit card donations. The Tour de Force is a not for profit organization. Tax ID# 13-58426. For more information: [www.tourdeforcenyc.com](http://www.tourdeforcenyc.com)

# Welcome New Officers



## June Graduates

Trent Chapel, Gerald Perez, Joe Renick, and Paul Ruby



## July Graduates

Joe Hadley, Christopher Callahan, and Victor Pirak



# SPOG Endorses Dan Satterberg for King County Prosecutor

By Guardian Staff

The Seattle Police Officers' Guild is pleased to endorse Dan Satterberg for King County Prosecutor. After interviewing all of the candidates it was clear that he has the experience, knowledge



and expertise to serve the citizens of King County in this important position. SPOG believes that Mr Satterberg will carry on the legacy of Norm Maleng and he will serve in an non-partisan fashion and fullfill his duties with integrity.

## Wills For Heroes

**Free Estate Planning for Seattle Police Officers**  
**By Ford Clary, Co-Founder, Wills For Heroes, Washington**

Seattle Police are cordially invited to take advantage of the Wills for Heroes program.

Wills for Heroes offers FREE estate planning to first responders and is sponsored by the Washington State Bar Association. The program was started after 9/11 and is in its second year in Washington.

Police who are interested sign up for an appointment, fill out a questionnaire, meet with a volunteer attorney, and leave with completed estate planning documents, including wills, powers of attorney, and health care directives. The program is completely free and is a great opportunity to plan for your family; it is available for police and their spouses.

The next Wills for Heroes clinic will be Saturday, September 22, 2007 in Seattle. Appointments are available between 9 am and 3pm. Additional information regarding the program will soon be available in the Members Only section of the new guild website at [www.seattlepoliceguild.org](http://www.seattlepoliceguild.org). To schedule an appointment, send an email message to [wills4heroes@seattlepoliceguild.org](mailto:wills4heroes@seattlepoliceguild.org).

[Note: This program is designed to provide basic estate planning and may not be appropriate for those with large or complicated estates.]

## For Rent

Arizona getaway at Green Valley. Great place to come in Fall-Winter-Spring. Fully furnished 2 BR-2BA. Nice mountain view. Very reasonable rates per week or monthly available.

Call John Sullivan at (425) 788-1158

# Western States Police and Fire Games

Mesa, Arizona  
October 6-14, 2007  
Submitted by Craig Buckout

Now that the World Police and Fire Games, held this past March in Adelaide Australia, is over, competitors are setting their sights on Mesa Arizona where the Western States Police and Fire Games is scheduled for October 6th through 14<sup>th</sup>.

The Western States Police and Fire Games is an event that has taken place each year since 1967 and draws thousands of competitors, both retired and active, from the law enforcement and fire fighting communities. During this particular week in October, police officer and fire fighter athletes will gather to test their strength, endurance and skill in nearly sixty different sporting evens.

Much of the competition is traditional. Some of it though you won't see in any other large organized sporting event.

|                           |                     |                   |
|---------------------------|---------------------|-------------------|
| Angling                   | Flag Football       | Half Marathon     |
| Archery                   | Golf                | Roller Hockey     |
| Baseball                  | Off-Road Motorcycle | Skeet & Trap      |
| Basketball                | Pistol              | Soccer            |
| Bench Press               | Police Service Dogs |                   |
| Toughest Competitor Alive |                     | Biathlon          |
| Pocket Billiards          | Tennis              | Body Building     |
| Push/Pull Lifting         | Track & Field       | Boxing            |
| Racquetball               | Triathlon           | Cross Country Run |
| Rifle – Large/Small       | Karate              |                   |
| Cycling – Road/Mountain   |                     | Dodge Ball        |
| Horseshoes                | Paintball           | Western Pistol    |
| Surfing                   | Table Tennis        | Volleyball        |
| Wrestling                 |                     |                   |

Weekend warrior or hardcore amateur, if you're interested in finding out what it's all about, check it out at [www.cpaaf.org](http://www.cpaaf.org) or by calling 858-571-9919. Read the complete list of events offered, the rules of competition and eligibility, and something about this great sporting competition that has been taking place for forty years. And then, if you're up to testing yourself or your team against others in the law enforcement and fire fighting professions, it'll tell you how you can sign-up.

The

SPOG Member Workstation

IS

up and running

Computer/Internet access now available for all SPOG Members

Come and eat your lunch or take your break at the office

Available Monday-Friday 0830-1700

Clean Restrooms

Free Pop

Introducing

SPOG's NEW Website

WWW.SEATTLEPOLICEGUILD.ORG

New and improved interactive features for members

\*\*\*Re-Registration required for members only area\*\*\*

Check it out TODAY!!!



SEATTLE METROPOLITAN  
CREDIT UNION

It's all about you.

Not savings insured by FDIC

NCUA

National Credit Union Administration is a U.S. Government Agency



Downtown Seattle | Seattle City Hall | Northgate  
Lynnwood | Kirkland | Rainier Avenue | Southcenter

206.398.5500 | [www.smcu.com](http://www.smcu.com) | 800.334.2489



# Retired News

By Mike Germann

### New Retirements

We have three new Seattle Police Department retirements to publish this month, all LEOFF II officers:

**Landy H. Black**, #4698, Seattle Police Captain, retired for service on April 8, 2007, at age 50, with 24 years of sworn service. Landy served in all four precincts, the Gang Unit, I.I.S., Sexual Assault, Robbery and Fugitive. Landy Black was recruited by and is currently serving as the Chief of Police of the City of Davis, California.

**Mary J. Brick**, #4698, Seattle Police Patrol Officer and Detective, retired for service on June 4, 2007, at age 52, with 28 years and 5 months of sworn service. Mary served in the East and North Precincts, Harbor, Training, Accident Investigation, Background Investigations and Homeland Security. She was the first female officer assigned to North Precinct, the Basic Training Academy, and to the Accident Investigation Unit. Mary loved to learn and to share knowledge with others and was involved in training and teaching in some capacity in almost every unit she worked in. She always cared deeply about her fellow employees, sworn and non-sworn alike, and the community she served. Mary was/is an outstanding officer/detective and just a great person.

**William D. Howe**, #4851, Seattle Police Patrol Sergeant, retired for disability on June 29, 2007, at age 62, with 22 years and 9 months of sworn service. Bill was assigned to the West Precinct for his entire police career. Words that describe Bill Howe are “low key,” “reliable” and “steady.”

Here’s wishing all of those getting out a great retirement.

**Public Safety Officers’ Tax Savings on Health Insurance Premiums**

Your Seattle Police Pension Office has received more telephone calls and e-mail communications on provisions of the federal Pension Protection Act of 2006 (PPA) that anything else that we’ve ever experienced. IT’S CRAZY!

**The import of this legislation permits those so qualified to exclude up to \$3,000 of qualified health, accident and long-term care insurance premiums from your gross taxable income each year, as long as the premiums are taken from your retirement pension benefit.**

So, what does this mean to you, the retired LEOFF I or ESCALATOR Seattle Police Officer?

The honest answer for most Seattle Police retirees is NOT MUCH. Your Seattle Police Pension Fund pays for virtually all of your medical needs. Some police retirees, both LEOFF I and LEOFF II, may be qualified. The first step in making that determination is to fill out and return the declaration sent to your home mailing address by the State of Washington, Department of Retirement Systems.

If you didn’t receive the mail out material, call DRS at 1-800-547-6657 and request it. DRS can also answer any questions you may have regarding PPA.

Your Seattle Police Pension Office is not a party to any of PPA’s provisions. It’s you (the police retiree), DRS and the IRS who are the players.

But, the Seattle Police Pension Office staff is always available to talk with you about PPA. Call us at (206) 386-1286.

**Downtown Harley Davidson Store and Chief Kerlikowske Present Restored Harley Motorcycle to Injured Officer**

In 1989, Motorcycle Officer Mark Sigfrinius was shot in the abdomen while on duty and paralyzed from the waist down. It was a long and expensive recovery period and Mark was looking at never riding a motorcycle again. The local motorcycle community and Downtown Harley Davidson worked together to get an Ultra Classic Harley Davidson, with side-car, for Mark. Downtown made all the motorcycle arrangements and did all the high tech mechanics for hooking up the sidecar.

Well, Mark has put some 70,000 miles on the bike and the old engine is a little tired and worn out. Officer John Abraham of SPD Traffic/Motors arranged with Downtown Harley to have the engine rebuilt and the bike’s age problems repaired. Downtown Harley is doing this in support of an injured officer at no cost, again!

The bike is finished and was presented to Mark Sigfrinius at the Downtown Harley store on June 16, 2007.

The moral of this article is that the citizens, business people, the Seattle Police Department and its Chief Gil Kerlikowske, do care a lot about their Seattle Police Officers, past and present. Don’t necessarily believe everything you may read in the daily tabloids. Seattle Police Officers, past and present, are truly doing a tremendous job and officers like Mark SigfrinIus have sacrificed much more than most. REMEMBER THAT!

**Calendar Place Holders**

A brief reminder for your calendars:

- o August 9, 2007 – R.A.P. Club summer picnic, barbeque and bocce ball tournament
- o September 12, 2007 – 64<sup>th</sup> annual Retired Officers’ Banquet

Save these dates!

**RETIRED SEATTLE POLICE OFFICERS ASSOCIATION**

**MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY MEETING**

**JULY 11, 2007**

President Caalim called the meeting to order at noon in the dining room of the Four Seas Restaurant at 8<sup>th</sup> S. and King St. Mike Tando led the Pledge of Allegiance. The roll call of officers showed all to be present except LaVelle Thresher who was excused.

President Caalim directed everyone to the minutes of the June meeting that have been distributed. Don Kelsey made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Dick Sherwood and passed.

Nick Bulpin gave the treasurer’s report and Dick Rovig made a motion to accept the report and pay the current bills. Seconded by John Guich and passed unanimously.

Jerry Taylor reported the LEOFF 1 Coalition will meet July 19<sup>th</sup>. The topic of discussion will be a 42 page report that has been submitted to the Governor. The report deals with potential changes in LEOFF 1 medical benefits.

Guest speaker Assistant Chief Harry Bailey addressed the audience stating what an honor it was to be invited to speak. He stated he would not be where he was, had it not been for many of those present and the experience he learned from older officers throughout his career. Harry was accompanied by Assistant Chief, Nick Metz. Harry went on to explain the recent news coverage regarding a convicted drug dealer, whose word was believed by the press as well as the city’s elected leaders over the statements of the two arresting officers. Chief Bailey expressed his pride of belonging to the Seattle Police Department Chief Bailey then responded to questions. President Caalim then presented both Metz and Bailey with badges stating they were honorary members of the RSPOA.

The Guest speaker for the August meeting will be Dennis Law, a long-time friend of Law Enforcement who is running for Mayor of Renton.

John Guich reminded everyone of the RAP picnic scheduled for August 9<sup>th</sup> at the range.

Caalim reminded everyone of the Retired Officers Banquet scheduled for September 12<sup>th</sup> and the Relief will be sending out invitations in the near future.

Caalim then announced he will be stepping down as President due to family obligations outside of the country. He thanked everyone for his 5 years of service and stated what a wonderful experience it has been.

There being no further business T.C. Miller moved for adjournment. The forty-seven in attendance then enjoyed another wonderful lunch.

Respectfully submitted,  
Nick Bulpin, Secretary/Treasurer.

Important Date!!!!

SPOG Membership Meeting

Wednesday, August 29th

at 2000 hours

Complimentary Dinner

All Members Welcome

HOME LOANS

\$500-\$1000 SPD Discount

Free Consultation with Credit Coaching

\$0 Origination Fee

Public Safety Employee Programs

Every loan inquiry enters you in this month’s prize drawing

Patrick Dunn

Patrick@Westwoodmortgage.com

Phone (206)999-7284

Certified Mortgage Planner

Active Seattle Firefighter

We take care of each other!!!



## August 2007

### Retirees' Birthdays

*Ed. Note: The numbers in parenthesis indicates the August birthdate.*

Betty F. Abbey (29) , Woneata Airhart (30) , Robert B. Ammerman (17) , Robert M. Andersen (9) , Harold J. Anderson (22) , Robert W. Baumgartner (17) , Elizabeth Berghmans (1) , Eileen L. Beveridge (13) , William M. Bierut (31) , William H. Bishop (20) , Thomas L. Brenton (13) , John D. Burden (26) , Franklin G. Butcher (23) , Jerry G. Caldwell (2) , Richard D. Carr (31) , John L. Carson (22) , Robert A. Christophersen (13) , Hilda L. Dahl (28) , Donald G. Daniels (9) , Robert A. Davis (29) , Elizabeth Day (2) , Michael F. Deacy (8) , Margaret Dodge (26) , Thelma M. Dorris (27) , James W. Dunn (2) , Barbara C. Ehli (4) , Clark B. Elster (15) , Metta B. Farmer (24) , Bruce E. Fenner (25) , Georgia L. Franklin (27) , Harry F. French (25) , Kenneth D. Fulk (24) , Virginia L. Gagnier (17) , Duane A. Gehlhoff (30) , Allen G. Gerdes (4) , Jeanette Gray (12) , David W. Grayson (9) , Gloria L. Haimes (28) , Mary M. Hallowell (14) , Sonny Hancock (5) , John L. Hanson (24) , Michael R. Henning (12) , Jean Holsworth (1) , Duane L. Homan (11) , Lucille Hughlitt (17) , Irene T. Jackson (27) , Rodney V. Jackson (28) , Odrun Jelberg (11) , James W. Johnson (19) , Michael G. Johnson (18) , Francis R. Jones (5) , Arthur R. Kennedy (17) , William H. Kramer (18) , Michael L. Lambert (21) , Ruth A. Lee (23) , A. Louise Leidholm (25) , Allan R. Lima (5) , Karen L. McKenna (20) , Vernon L. McRae (17) , Beverly Meln (8) , Edvina M. Moran (20) , Robert L. Morris (10) , Clifford J. Munson (15) , Roger D. Myers (1) , Debra S. Nelson (13) , Ellen D. Nelson (30) , John N. Nelson (12) , Beverly J. Nielson (23) , Ralph E. Nilsen (22) , Margaret A. O'Hare (28) , Carl M. O'Leary (15) , Arlene E. Olson (24) , Joseph W. Parks (9) , James L. Philbrick (10) , Gregory D. Phillips (27) , Jeanne Poltrock (5) , Gordon K. Price (22) , Shirley I. Ramar (28) , Charles W. Ray (29) , Gary B. Ray (15) , Sidney J. Reed (17) , David C. Ritter (26) , Victor A. Sanders (10) , Richard G. Sherwood (11) , Morest L. Skaret (2) , H. Michael Smith (7) , Jack H. Stanton (31) , Mary F. Stowe (16) , John P. Sullivan (3) , William M. Taylor (22) , Evan W. Thomas (21) , Joe W. Tolliver (31) , Jerrell C. Wallace (21) , Paul E. Weamire (8) , Dorothy P. Wesley (18) , Robert C. Whalen (18) , Martin L. White (16) , Ralph C. Whitney (19) , Albert E. Williams (31) , Robert L. Williams (26) , Brent E. Wingstrand (25) , Leslie M. Yeager (31) , Mary Zack (17) , Carman J. Zentner (17) ,

# Last Ring



First of all, our apology to Mary Zack, her family and friends of deceased retired Seattle Police Officer Jim Zack. Although Jim's obituary was published in the Seattle Police Department NOTICES, it somehow didn't "cross over" to the GUARDIAN. So, we're publishing it now:

**James A. Zack**, #1326, retired Seattle Police Officer, passed away on February 16, 2007 in Camarillo, California, at 82 years of age.

Jim Zack was born on January 29, 1925. He was appointed a Seattle Police "Patrolman" on January 9, 1952. He retired from police service on September 25, 1973 following 21 + years with the Seattle Police Department. Most of his sworn time was served in the Patrol Bureau with assignments most notably in the "Wallingford Precinct" and later on "skidroad." His last few years were spent as a fingerprint examiner in the Identification Bureau.

Following his retirement as a police officer, Jim served as a Bailiff in the courtroom of the renowned Municipal Court Judge Vernon W. Towne.

At Jim's request there were no funeral services.

Jim Zack is survived by his wife, Mary, following fifty-one years of marriage. He is also survived by a son, Michael, who resides in Camarillo and a grandson, Daniel Zack who resides in Seattle.



**Donald "Don" W. Borgen**, #2023, retired Seattle Police Patrolman, passed away on Saturday, June 9, 2007, at his home in Lacey, Washington, following a long illness. He was 81 years of age upon his death.

Don Borgen was born on March 27, 1926. He initially joined and served with the Seattle Fire Department from January 7, 1952 until February 4, 1960. Thereafter, he was appointed a Seattle Police "Patrolman" on February 8, 1960. Don served as a uniformed patrolman and as a sworn police radio dispatcher during his 25 years of city service. He retired on January 12, 1977. Don's wife, Virginia, preceded him in death some five years ago.

Funeral services were held in Centralia on June 16, 2007.



**Roy M. Hull, a.k.a. Hog Jowls**, #769, retired Seattle Police Detective, passed away on Sunday, June 10, 2007, in Blaine, Washington, following a brief illness. He was 83 years of age. upon his death. Roy Hull was born on May 29, 1924. He was appointed a Seattle Police "Patrolman" on December 10, 1946. Roy served as a uniformed patrolman, motorcycle officer, special investigator and for many years as a vice detective. He was a part of the "old Vice Squad" and all that entails.

No funeral services were planned.

Roy Hull was preceded in death by his wife, Virginia, in September 2004. Surviving are a son, daughter and three grandchildren.

Also our profound condolences to family and friends of the following:



**Jeanette Rix**, age 86, passed away on May 25, 2007. She was the surviving spouse of deceased retired Seattle Police Lieutenant Ronald R. Rix.



**Dorothy Sprinkle**, age 85, passed away on June 1, 2007. She was the surviving spouse of deceased retired Seattle Police Detective Chet Sprinkle.

Lastly, our condolences to the following retired members on the loss of loved ones:



Carl Reinbolt and family on the death of his wife **May Reinbolt** on May 9, 2007.



Tommy Knight and family on the death of his sister **Dollene Douglas** on May 16, 2007.



Harold Swede Nelson and family on the death of his wife **Mary Christine Nelson (Cowie)** on May 25, 2007.

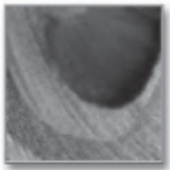


MAY THEY ALL REST IN PEACE



**Jeriann Fisher - Verizon Wireless**  
Business Sales Representative  
Government Employee Sales  
Mobile: 206-300-2084  
Fax: 425-603-2771  
jeriann.fisher@VerizonWireless.com

level III medspa



#### Has your back pain magically resolved?

Chiropractic care has been medically proven to dramatically reduce low back pain and disc injury without surgery. Time doesn't always heal old wounds, sometimes they get worse!

#### Are those pills working for you?

You know that pills are not going to remove the cause of your back pain so why waste the time, money and your health. Massage therapy can do more for muscle spasm than any pill can with no side effects. Try it out.

Aetna provider. Free parking. Onsite massage



206 957-9050  
925 8<sup>th</sup> Ave N, Seattle 98019  
[www.levelIIIMedspa.com](http://www.levelIIIMedspa.com)  
South Lake Union just off Dexter/Aloha  
Free Consultation.



# Editor's Notes

By Detective Ron Smith,Pawn Shop



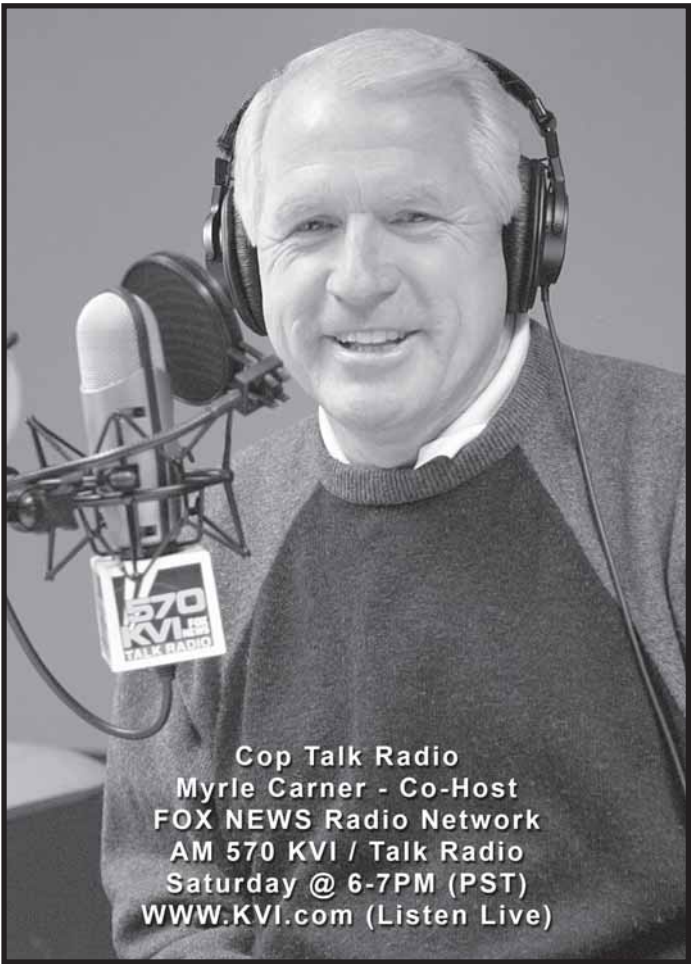
Josh Feit, columnist for *The Stranger* has decided that five of the possible finding in an OPA investigation; sustained, not sustained, exonerated, unfounded and supervisory intervention must be given a letter grade. In doing so, Feit has dubbed exonerated an A, not sustained a D and sustained an F (*Counter Intel*, *The Stranger* July 12, 2007). Feit thinks that anyone who gets a “D” from the

OPA should get “serious discipline.” So keeping with the spirit of Feit’s reasoning, when the allegation of misconduct cannot be proved nor disproved by a preponderance of the evidence, he wants serious discipline leveled. Well how about this, whenever the cops cannot prove or disprove someone committed a civil infraction (same level of proof), we write a ticket anyway and impound their hybrid? Can you imagine the outcry from Feit and his ilk if a law enforcement officer pronounced a Seattleite guilty at the time of arrest, and called for their imprisonment? This logic furthers my view that the “sheeple” of Seattle live with their heads imbedded in some dark place, only to rely only emotional knee jerking to form critical opinions. Just passing on a little intel so that you are aware of how the fringe element wants to limit your due process rights!

Have you heard that Sound Transit has decided to go with unarmed, under trained security guards inside of the metro tunnel when it reopens for bus traffic this fall? Instead of going back to using off-duty SPD officers inside the tunnel, as was the practice prior to the tunnel closing for retrofitting, Sound Transit went with the lowest bidders to keep a watchful eye on this huge terrorist target running beneath the downtown streets. Maybe like John Edwards, those at Sound Transit think that the global war on terror is just a bumper sticker slogan. These unarmed guards will be posted at the openings to the tunnel at Convention Place and the International District, as well as all other stations with standing orders not to engage any suspicious activity. When an unauthorized vehicle drives up, the guard will call their supervisor and report, who in turn will consult a protocol sheet and decide if they need to call the police. Of course we all know that there are enough on duty resources in place to drop normal business and run down into the tunnel to handle the all of the calls that will be generated; Ya right! For the life of me I cannot figure out how Sound Transit, whose board members include the Seattle Mayor and King County Executive, can allow this reckless plan to come to fruition. Hopefully there is still time for intervention, and since the tunnel project has received federal funds, maybe a call to Washington is in order. The question is who will make the call?

It was a real treat to finally get to meet Ernie, Bruce Wind’s father a few nights ago at a Mariner’s game. Uncle B came running up to me and grabbed me by the arm and told me there was someone I had to meet. What a delightful man indeed with a smile that can light up a room. I know it took awhile after we parted for my smile to fade! Thanks Ernie, and please reconsider that vote for Hillary!

Until next month, be safe out there! Feel free to contact me with your suggestions and comments at [spoguardian@yahoo.com](mailto:spoguardian@yahoo.com). “Ignorance is the curse of God; knowledge is the wing wherewith we fly to heaven.” - William Shakespeare.



Cop Talk Radio  
Myrle Carner - Co-Host  
FOX NEWS Radio Network  
AM 570 KVI / Talk Radio  
Saturday @ 6-7PM (PST)  
[WWW.KVI.com](http://WWW.KVI.com) (Listen Live)

## Calendar of Events

**Sea Fair Hydros at Lake Washington**  
Saturday and Sunday August 4th-5th

**Seattle Police Relief Association board meeting at the SPRAG Office**  
Wednesday, August 8th

**Seattle Police Officers’ Guild general membership meeting at the SPOG Office**  
Wednesday, August 29th at 2000 hours

A BETTER  
ROOFING  
COMPANY

Owned & Operated  
by Kurt & Scott MacMillan  
(Sons of SPD Don & Terri MacMillan)

## COMPOSITION SPECIALISTS

Plenty of local and Seattle Police Officer  
References

Roofing the  
King, Pierce &  
Snohomish  
County areas  
since 1991

FREE ESTIMATES  
(206) 935-1575

[www.ABetterRoofing.com](http://www.ABetterRoofing.com)

Licensed • Bonded  
Insured  
St. Ctr. Lic. No. BETTERC052DT

MASTERCARD/VISA

## Bellevue Ear, Nose and Throat Clinic



**Clinical Audiologists**  
Stacey Beaudoin, Au.D.  
Corina Carlson, Au.D.  
Jennifer DeCastro, Au.D.

Hearing Aids  
Full Audiometric Testing  
Custom Hearing Protection Devices

(425) 454-3938 ext. 6

Overlake Medical Tower ~ 1135 116th Ave NE, Suite 500  
Bellevue, WA 98004

LEOFF I are encouraged to call for great benefits package information

## Free Blumenthal Cuff Key

### SPD Officers!

Buy a pair of regularly priced handcuffs and we'll give you a Blumenthal pen-style cuff key.\* Find a great selection of handcuffs from ASP, Smith & Wesson, and Peerless.



Offer expires  
August 31, 2007.  
(\*Retail Value: \$7.95)



| Seattle             | Des Moines            |
|---------------------|-----------------------|
| 8610 Aurora Ave N   | 21621 Pacific Hwy S   |
| 800-537-5277        | 800-495-6265          |
| M-F 9:00am - 5:30pm | M-Th 10:00am - 6:00pm |
| Sa 9:00am - 1:00pm  | Fr 10:00am - 5:30pm   |

[www.blumenthaluniforms.com](http://www.blumenthaluniforms.com)

## Get Yours Now!!

### Motorcycle Drill Team Talent Show DVD

Did you miss the 2007 Motorcycle Drill Team Talent Show on March 16, 2007? Did you attend and you want to send a copy of a performance to the producers of American Idol? Retired Officer Jerry “The Hickman” Hicklin has a limited supply of Talent Show DVDs available for \$20.

Contact Jerry at [JMOTORMAN@COMCAST.NET](mailto:JMOTORMAN@COMCAST.NET)